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My dear Steptoe,

With reference to your letter of January 5, 1933, regarding a Communist named Haim Finkelstein alias Frank, exhaustive inquiries have been made but no confirmation could be obtained regarding the report that he had been in China quite recently. The name of this individual does not appear on the records of the Municipal Police, the Chinese Passport Office or the Russian Emigrants Committee.

Yours sincerely,



H. H. Steptoe, Esq.

British Consulate-General.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 4384

Special Branch S. 2.

REPORT

Date February 3, 1933.

Subject (in full) Enquiry from H.B.M. Consulate-General regarding  
one Haim Finkelstein alias Burk.

Made by D.S. Tchereyshansky.

Forwarded by D.S. Ewert.

With reference to the attached letter dated January 8, 1933, from H.B.M. Consulate-General regarding one Haim Finkelstein, who is stated to be an important member of the Palestine Communist Party, I have to state that diligent enquiries have failed to elicit any information regarding this person. His name is unknown to the local Chinese Passport Authorities and he has at no time been registered with the Russian Emigrants Committee.

Particulars regarding Haim Finkelstein have been added to the office record of suspects.

D. S. Tchereyshansky.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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H.B.M. Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

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My dear Givens,

A certain Haim Finkelstein, an important and trusted member of the Palestine Communist Party was arrested in Jaffa in 1930. He was in possession of a rather obscure map, which it was thought might indicate the routes by which propaganda was distributed in Southern India and China.

*5 feet 4 inches?*  
Finkelstein was born at Kossov, Siedlce Poland in 1903. He is 153 cms. in height, with blond hair and brown eyes.

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A man named Burk who is known to you alias Finkelstein was recently in Vancouver, and it is known that in conversation with certain members of the Canadian Communist Party that unless the personnel of that Party in Vancouver made good, the subsidy to it would be withdrawn. It is reported that Burk alias Finkelstein was in China quite recently.

Have you any record of the man? and if

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not would you be good enough to ask the Chinese  
Passport authorities whether they have any record?

Yours sincerely,

*H. H. H. H.*

T. Givens Esq.,

*\$2.75 for inquiry  
and report please*

*JH*  
5.1.23.

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